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THE ADVOCATE OF PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

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R. B. HOWARD, EDITOR.

—Do not forget the sixty-first anniversary of our Society, Monday, May 6, at 2:30 P.M., in Pilgrim Hall, Boston.

—The address of President Tobey and the annual reports will be published in an extra number of the *Advocate* after the annual meeting May 6. The President has been invited to make the annual address.

—Rowland B. Howard and Francis B. Gilman, of Boston, delegates to the Universal Peace Congress in Paris, June 1-5, expect to sail on Cunard steamer *Catalonia* from Boston, Saturday, May 11, at 6 A.M. Rev. Messrs. C. C. Creegan and E. C. Hood, delegates, sail on the *Cephalonia*, May 18th.

—The delegation of the Universal Peace Union hold a farewell meeting in New York, May 13, 14, before sailing for Paris, about May 15, by the Red Star Line. We are sorry not to be there.

—It is said "a bad marriage, like an electric machine, makes you dance but you can't let go." The nations of Europe find that their vast armaments work in the same way.

—Mrs. Mary E. Blake (M. E. B.), whose graceful contributions to the *Boston Journal* have been so acceptable to its readers, sailed for Europe in the *Cephalonia* on the 13th of April. What she sees at the Paris Exposition and during her trip will make her foreign letters to the *Journal* very interesting.

Mrs. Blake will correspond also with other leading papers in Chicago, New York and Philadelphia. She is the author of "*The Coming Reform*" published by the American Peace Society, and will, by our invitation, visit the various Peace congresses and conferences to be held in Paris and report them for the American press.

—Hon. Jacob Sleeper, who died at his home in Ashburton Place, Boston, within a stone's throw of the Peace rooms, Sunday, March 31, at the age of eighty-six, was many years a fast friend, a donor, and an officer of the American Peace Society. He welcomed Secretary William Jones to the Bromfield St. M. E. Church, and gave its use to the Society in 1887. Two of his daughters are the wives of two New York publishers, Messrs. E. P. Dutton and J. W. Harper. Mr. Sleeper was a staunch Methodist, a successful business man, a generous supporter of his church and all good institutions, a good citizen, and a Christian gentleman.

—Hon. Chas. W. Goddard, who died recently in Portland, Maine, was an honored member and for years an officer of the American Peace Society. He was a lawyer, a judge, a lecturer on legal jurisprudence at Bowdoin College; in private life a most genial companion, and in public trusts of which he enjoyed many, he was above reproach. The writer heard Mr. Goddard speak on the political "stump" in 1851, and again on temperance with Neal Dow, in his native State of Maine. Mr. Goddard had a remarkable memory of facts, and a wonderful facility of expression.

—We sincerely regret to learn, as we do from Hannah W. Blackburn, that Susannah Brown, who was a life member of the American Peace Society, deceased at her home in Zanesfield, O., June 20, 1888, in the seventy-ninth year of her age. She was a friend to the cause of peace for many years.

—A successful effort has been made to "amalgamate" the International Arbitration League of London, W. R. Cremer, Secretary (formerly the "Workmen's Peace Association," at one time Auxiliary to the London Peace Society), and the International Arbitration of Peace and Arbitration Association, of which Mr. Hodgson Pratt is President. The two papers, the *Arbitrator* and *Concord*, will be consolidated.

—Rev. Charles B. Smith, Chaplain of the Norfolk County Jail and Reformatory, had on a recent Sabbath an audience of 360 prisoners. As the Prohibition Constitutional Amendment was pending in Massachusetts, he put that question to vote. All but five voted in favor of prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks. Seventy per cent. of the prisoners owed their incarceration for crime to intemperance.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Winthrop held a reception in honor of Washington's Birthday at their residence, No. 90 Marlborough street, Boston, from 3 to 5 o'clock, P. M., Feb. 22. A very large number of ladies and gentlemen, including many prominent citizens, were present to offer their congratulations. The occasion, though of an informal character, was one of interest and dignity, in keeping with the character and standing of the host as well as the distinguished name which he has on two national occasions honored with his patriotic eloquence.

—"Rev. Daniel D. Tappan of Topsfield, Mass., who is ninety-one years old, is still clear-headed and speaks without notes, to the gratification of all who hear him. He preached recently at the Congregational Meeting House, where he often conducts services, and held evening meetings in different parts of the town last winter. It is not long since he walked three and a half miles one Sunday morning to the Boxford Church, in order to preach."

We cut the above from a Boston daily. We rejoice over the health and vigor of our dear friend, who is also a friend of peace. Indeed peace men are apt to be long-lived as well as strong-lived.

—One of the exercises at the annual meeting will be an informal farewell to the European delegation. Rev. A. E. Winship will make a brief address.

—The invitation extended by our government to the Conference of American States at Washington, in November, has been accepted by the Argentine Republic, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Venezuela, the States of Colombia, Central America and Mexico. No reply has at this writing (April 15) been received from Bolivia, Chili, Peru and Hayti. But they will hardly decline and be left outside any arrangement for the general good. Of course trade is uppermost in the minds of the projectors of and writers on the Conference, but a commercial arrangement that shall secure arbitration of political and other disputes is the main object which we have in mind. That may be an incident, but a most important one.